Assistance for the development of Shrimp Farms, Hactheries and Feed mills

1185. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide assistance to the farmers for the development of Shrimp farms, Hatcheries and Feed mills through the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the numbr of farmers in Maharashtra who were provided Central assistance under the said scheme during the last three years with year-wise and district-wise details thereof; and

(d) the number of farmers likely to be provided the assistance during the remaining period of Eight Five Year Plan in the State and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The pattern of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the farmers for the development of brackishwater shrimp culture is as under:—

(i) 25% of the capital cost and the total cost of inputs for the first crop, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000 per ha, is provided as subsidy to a beneficiary which will be shared between centre and the state on 50:50 basis.

(ii) Payment of stipend of Rs. 25/- per day and travelling allowance limited to Rs. 140/- per trainee for two months training, shared between central and State Governments on 50:50 basis.

(iii) Private/public sectors are provided asistance for establishment of Prawn Seed Hatcheries of 2-5 million capacity per annum to the extant of Rs. 1 lakh per hatchery or 10% of the cost whichever is lower. The subsidy is shared on 50:50 basis between Central and State Governments.

(iv) Financial assistance for establishment of Prawn feed plants with a capacity of 2000-4000 tonnes per annum @ Rs. 1.5 lakh per feed plant limited to 10% of the total estimated cost provided during 1991-92 and 1992-93 only.

(c) District-wise beneficiaries during the last 3 years in four districts where Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies have been established in Maharashtra are as stated below:

Year	District-wise and Year-wise no. of Beneficiaries			
	Thane	Raioad	Ratnagiri	Sindhudurg
1992-93	5	1	2	1
1993-94	4	9	1	2
1994-95	6	9	3	5
TOTAL:	15	19	6	8

(d) The target during the remaining two years of 8th Five Year Plan in the state is 400 beneficiaries.

हिन्दी के पाठकों की संख्या में गिरावट

1186. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिन्दी के पाठकों की संख्या में लगातार गिरावट आ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या हिन्दी पुस्तकों के बढ़ते हुए मूल्य इसका एक कारण है;

(घ) क्या सरकार हिन्दी को बढ़ावा देने की दृष्टि से हिन्दी पुस्तकों के बढ़ते मूल्यों पर रोक लगाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (डा॰ कृपासिंधु भोई): (क) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास ने सूचित किया है कि प्रकाशन उद्योग की सूचना के अनुसार हिन्दी पाठकों में कमी आयी है।